

ED HIGH TIDE.

GRAND ARMY VETERANS ARE STEADILY PASSING AWAY.

Commander-in-Chief Adams Reports that the Grand Army has Reached the Beginning of the End—Last Year 70,000 Members During the Past Year.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Sept. 13.—The national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic opened yesterday in the new grand opera house.

Major A. P. Burchfield presented the commander-in-chief a gavel made of wood from Fort Sumter, Appomattox, Gettysburg and Libby prison and bound with metal from historic cannon. The wood from Gettysburg was taken from near the spot where the commander-in-chief was wounded and, as he was a prisoner in Libby, has also reminiscent associations. It was paid for by the citizens of Pittsburgh. The gavel is inscribed as follows:

"Presented by the citizens of Pittsburgh and Allegheny to Captain G. H. Adams, commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., at the encampment held in Pittsburgh, 1904."

Commander-in-Chief Adams called the delegates to order after the speakers had withdrawn. The credentials of the delegates had been examined and the annual reports of the national officers were taken up and read.

Commander-in-Chief Adams in his address declared that one year ago there were in good standing 397,233 members and that there have been gained during the year by muster in 16,732, by transfer 6,354, by reinstatement 14,036, by readmission 1,000, by new recruits 2,310—a total gain of 30,432, making the aggregate 427,665. There had been paid by death 7,283, by honorable discharge 1,759, by transfer 7,132, by suspension, 4,908, by dishonorable discharge 134, by delinquent reports 16,671, a total of 67,901. The numbers remaining in good standing June 30, 1904, was 397,084. Of these figures he said:

"These figures show that the G. A. R. has reached the beginning of the end, and each succeeding year will show a gradual decrease in our membership. The long continued depression in business has caused many suspensions, and these we hope to regain when prosperity returns, but it will be impossible for us to recruit our ranks as fast as our members are mustered out by death. During the year the Grand Army has not forgotten the great work of charity and has expended \$203,780.10 for relief. While it has lost in membership, the interest in the order has not abated, but has grown stronger."

The commander-in-chief paid high tribute to the Woman's Relief Corps and Sons of Veterans, but declared that he was opposed to fusion of the latter with the G. A. R. He next took up the pensions matter and denied that thousands of pension frauds had been or could be discovered. Louisville was selected as the place for holding the next encampment, after a brilliant appeal by Henry Waterson.

THE CROP REPORT.

Condition of Corn 63.4 Per Cent Against 60.1 a Month Ago.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 10.—The August government report, issued this afternoon, made the condition of corn 63.4 per cent against 60.1 a month ago and 73.1 at harvest in 1903.

The condition of corn in the principal states is: Kansas 43, Nebraska 45, Iowa 50, Minnesota 51, Illinois 51, Indiana 50, Wisconsin 51, Missouri 51, North Dakota 51, South Dakota 51, California 51, Oregon 51, Washington 51, Tennessee 51, Kentucky 51, Texas 51.

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COLORADO REPUBLICANS.

In Convention at Denver They Nominated a State Ticket.

DENVER, Col., Sept. 13.—The delegates to the Republican state convention were late in assembling yesterday, and it was nearly noon before Irving Howbert, chairman of the state central committee, called the convention to order. A committee on credentials was appointed, after which Senator Wolcott addressed the convention.

At the conclusion of his remarks Senator Teller took the platform. He gave a brief history of the fight in congress last winter to prevent the repeal of the Sherman bill.

When he concluded the following were nominated: Judge of the supreme court, John Campbell of Colorado Springs; governor, A. W. McIntire of Alamosa; lieutenant governor, J. D. Brush of Greeley; secretary of state, A. B. McCaffrey of Denver; state treasurer, Harry L. Mullix of Trinidad.

BOUNTIES ALL CUT OFF.

Secretary Carlisle Will Not Pay Sugar Claims of Any Kind.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—Secretary Carlisle, although he has not written a formal letter to that effect, authorized the official announcement today that he would not pay any sugar bounty earned but unpaid when the new tariff bill went into effect, August 29. The secretary's refusal to pay these sugar bounty claims will be based upon the clause in the new tariff bill repealing the sugar bounty provision of the McKinley law, which concludes as follows: "And hereafter it shall be unlawful to issue any license to produce sugar or to pay any bounty for the production of sugar of any kind under said act."

The secretary will write an official letter to Senator Manderson embodying his decision.

ANOTHER STATE TICKET.

Referendum Populists Nominated Cyrus Corning for Governor of Kansas.

WICHITA, Kan., Sept. 13.—The initiative and referendum branch of the Populist party has secured the requisite number of signatures to entitle its nominees by petition to a place on the ballots to be voted next November. Below are the candidates for state offices: Associate justice, W. H. Remington of Topeka; governor, Cyrus Corning of Topeka; lieutenant governor, M. A. Pratt of Wichita; secretary of state, Fred Anthony of Leavenworth; auditor of state, Alexander Young of Pittsburg; attorney general, H. A. White of Augusta; state treasurer, S. T. Cherry of Parsons; superintendent of public instruction, Mrs. Estia Sample of Ottawa.

TWO YEARS FOR A WRECKER.

John Barry Sent to the Penitentiary for Spiking the Memphis Train.

HARTSVILLE, Mo., Sept. 12.—John Barry, whose home is near Mountain Grove, was yesterday sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for obstructing the track of the Kansas City, Fort Scott and Memphis railway near Mansfield and wrecking an eastbound passenger train which left Kansas City at 9:35 p. m. August 27. Barry had been ejected from a freight train on which he was stealing a ride, and drove spikes between the ends of the rails in several places to "get even" with the railway company.

MARTIN FOR FUSION.

The Kansas Senator Announces Himself a Candidate for Re-Election.

TOPEKA, Kan., Sept. 13.—United States Senator John Martin arrived from Washington yesterday afternoon and straightway began to advocate fusion, declaring unqualifiedly that he was a candidate for re-election. To a reporter he said that while the Democrats ought to be faithful to their state ticket it was good politics to unite with the Populists on county and legislative candidates wherever an equitable division could be obtained. He added that he was ready to take the stump for Overmeyer as soon as Chairman Richardson should call upon him.

Business Election Returns.

LEWISTON, Maine, Sept. 13.—Returns from 445 towns gives Cleaves, Republican, 67,047; Johnson, Democrat, 28,963; Hussey, Prohibition, 2,456; Bateman, Populist, 4,533. Republican plurality, 38,084. This is an increase of 1,399 in Cleaves' vote over 1902, and a decrease in Johnson's of 23,753.

Oxford county complete gives 2,300 Republican plurality. In the Second district Dingley, Republican, for congress will have 10,100 plurality. The remaining towns in 1892 gave Cleaves 1,165; Johnson, 2,679; Hussey, 190; Bateman, 13.

Great Fattening Up in Receipts.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 13.—The statement of the monthly receipts from customs for the port of New York for the last ten days, practically the first ten days of the new tariff act, shows a total of \$3,844,219, as against \$3,723,031 for the preceding ten days. Not one dollar in gold coin or gold certificate was received during the ten days at New York.

An Ex-Sheriff in Jail.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Sept. 13.—Joseph Thompson, for two terms sheriff of Lawrence county, Mo., is locked up at the city jail accused of embezzling \$2,500. He was arrested on a telegram from Mount Vernon, Mo., where he is charged with embezzling the county funds.

A Farmers' Cannery a Success.

ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 13.—The cannery factory established by farmers near Dearborn, Mo., some time ago, has put up 80,000 cans of tomatoes alone, and will put up as much more. The plant will pay the stockholders at least fifteen cents on the dollar, besides affording a market for their tomatoes at a good price.

Front in Northern Kansas.

ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 13.—Frosts were reported Tuesday morning in Northern Kansas and Southern Nebraska, but they were not of a damaging nature.

For Instance, Mrs. Chas. Rogers of Bay City, Mich., accidentally spilled scalding water over her little boy. She promptly applied De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, giving instant relief. It is a wonderfully good salve for burns, bruises, sores and a sure cure for piles. McFadden & Price.

Vice President Stevenson made the address of welcome to the visiting Knights of Pythias at Washington last night.

The contention of Chief Hazen in regard to the Mississippi state warrants has been sustained by Attorney General Olney.

DISASTROUS WRECK.

A TORNADO WRECKS AN IRON MOUNTAIN TRAIN.

Carries the Cars a Distance of Twenty Feet and Almost Completely Overturns Them—Two Killed outright, and Scores of Others Are Seriously Injured.

CHARLESTON, Mo., Sept. 13.—Two men were killed and a score of people injured, half of them fatally, in a cyclone here yesterday, during which a train was blown from the track.

The dead are: Dempsey, Parmelia, Bertrand, Mo. McCallan, Freddie, Eldorado, Ill. Among the score of injured only the following names can be secured:

Coyle, C. T., baggage-master, badly bruised.

Davis, John C., Eldorado, Ill., leg broken.

Dexter, J. W., Cincinnati, Ohio, internally injured.

Decamp, W. H., Hamilton, Ohio, side badly hurt.

Leming, A. D., Alto Pass, Ill., fatally injured.

Hester, H. W., Moorehouse, Mo., shoulder dislocated.

Humphrey, G. W., Leona, Mo., arm broken.

McClendon, George, Joplin, Mo., arm badly hurt.

McCallum, Mrs. J. W., Dexter, Mo., arm broken.

Miller, G. H., Corning, Ark., badly bruised.

It was about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon when the west-bound express on the C. & O. branch of the Iron Mountain road was struck by the hurricane, the result was one of the most serious wrecks ever known on the system. The train, in charge of Conductor Jack Lower and Engineer Andy Hill, had just reached the limits of the city, when the passengers and crew noticed the approach of a funnel-shaped cloud that was dealing destruction to everything in its path, uprooting large trees and hurling missiles before it.

The train and the cyclone met and the wind lifted the entire line of coaches and landed them at a distance of twenty feet from the track, almost turning them completely over. Those who were not hurt seriously had to free themselves and rescue others less fortunate. Efforts were being made in this direction when a new danger presented itself. Flames were seen in the rear of the train, and only for the heroic action of the conductor and engineer was the catastrophe might have been recorded. He hastily secured a heavy piece of timber and battered down the car door, rushed in and extinguished the flames. Nearby were a woman and a little child on fire, and hastily catching them up he extinguished the fire, but not till both had been severely burned.

A little fellow 2 years old, supposed to have fallen out of the window when the train was overturned, was found dead, his body being badly bruised. Aside from the train and its passengers the damage done by the cyclone, which seems to have been purely local, was slight. Its path was not over thirty yards wide and did not extend more than a mile.

WRECK ON THE BURLINGTON.

Engineer Wirt Fatally Injured—Forty-three Dead of Cattle Killed.

CHILLICOTHE, Mo., Sept. 12.—On the Hannibal and St. Joseph railway three miles east of here, at 1 o'clock yesterday morning, an engine pulling a freight train laden with cattle from Chicago struck a bull lying on the track and the engine and six cars were derailed. Engineer Frank Wertz was caught under his engine and was extracted after an hour and a half of work with his left leg badly mangled. Surgeons say that he will die. Fireman John Lynch escaped with some bad bruises. Forty-three head of cattle were killed.

ACROSS THE OCEAN ALONE.

Captain Freitach of Milwaukee Arrives in Ireland in Safety.

QUEENSTOWN, Sept. 13.—The little schooner Nina, with Captain Freitach the only man on board, arrived here today from New York.

The Nina sailed from New York Sunday, August 8. She thus made the trip across the Atlantic in thirty-eight days, remarkable time for such a craft, and only nine days behind the time made by the yacht Valkyrie, when she returned to England from this port. She is a schooner rigged, twenty-seven feet over all.

She was brought here by Captain Freitach from Milwaukee in June last. In shipping circles considerable doubt was expressed as to the ability of the Nina to cross the ocean safely.

DOUBLE MURDER AT ATCHISON.

Frank Slaughter Shoots Willie Deutch and Joe Bell and Jumps into the River.

ATCHISON, Kan., Sept. 13.—At midnight Frank Slaughter, a tough negro, entered William Houston's saloon and shot Willie Deutch, white, and Joe Bell, colored. The murderer, pursued by the officers, jumped into the river and is thought to be drowned.

California's Last Mexican Governor Dead.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 13.—Don Pio Pico, the last Mexican governor of California, died here yesterday morning. He was 93 years of age. Until within a few weeks he was in good health though feeble.

A Breckinridge Manifesto.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Sept. 13.—The most sensational manifesto ever issued in the political history of Kentucky was given out by the Breckinridge people last night. The Owens men claim that they will not abide by what they term the Breckinridge "gag law," and predict bloodshed.

Hotel at Vandalla Destroyed.

MEXICO, Mo., Sept. 13.—The Hanna hotel at Vandalla was destroyed by fire. The loss, which was only partially covered by insurance, will amount to about \$5,000.

"There is a salve for every wound." We refer to De Witt's Witch Hazel Salve, cures burns, bruises, cuts, indolent sores, as a local application in the nostrils it cures catarrh, and always cures piles. McFadden & Price.

The secretary of the treasury, having received information that Canada imposes no export duty, and no discriminating stumpage duties on lumber, logs, timber and other articles mentioned in the free lumber schedule of the new tariff act, has instructed collectors of customs to admit such articles free of duty when imported from Canada.

"BUD" VEACH SURRENDERS.

The Slayer of Farmer Morris in Jail—Love Not the Tragedy's Cause.

LIBERTY, Mo., Sept. 11.—A. J. or "Bud" Veach, who shot and killed C. C. Morris in Plate county last Thursday just before Morris was to have been married to Veach's old sweetheart, Jane Jones, surrendered to Deputy Sheriff D. C. Roberts at Hannibal yesterday morning and is now in jail here. He said that when he was told that Morris was at the house of Farmer Kearns he went there to see him about reports of slanders of his (Veach's) mother and sister. He called Morris and they walked about twenty-five feet away from the house together. "Morris said," he went on, "that he would not take back anything he has said but would back it up. He had previously threatened me and said he would kill any man, woman or child who interfered with him. He started to draw his pistol and advanced toward me. I then shot him in self-defense. I thought I hit him the first shot and fired twice afterward. After the shooting I went on foot into the woods about eight miles east, where I stayed all night. I could hear the posse hunting for me, several of the party coming very near the place where I was concealed. I did not travel further than one-half mile the second night. I determined to surrender to Deputy Sheriff D. C. Roberts of Clay county and started for Hannibal for that purpose, was afraid of mob violence if captured in Plate county. The first person I saw after the shooting was James Thorp, who lives between Plate and Clay counties on Line creek, who gave me a lunch which was the first food I had since the shooting. I gave Thorp my pistol, a thirty-eight caliber, and told him to give it to the sheriff of Plate county which he did."

Veach will rely upon the plea of self-defense and seems to think that he will be acquitted of the charge of murder.

DYCHE IN ANOTHER WRECK.

The Kansas Schooner on a Vessel Which Sank a Schooner in a Fog.

NEW YORK, Sept. 12.—The steamer Portia from Halifax, which arrived today with the members of the shipwrecked Cook Arctic expedition of scientists, among whom was Professor Dyche of Kansas university, reports that she ran into and sank the three-masted schooner Dora M. French yesterday afternoon, three miles from Cuddyhunk lighthouse, causing the death of four of the five men comprising the schooner's crew. The accident occurred in a dense fog.

This is the third serious marine mishap in which the members of the Cook party have had part within the last two months. The Portia was a sister ship to the lost Miranda, on which the Cook party sailed for the northern seas and which was sunk in the ice.

MUCH SCRIP ILLEGAL.

Oklahoma's Supreme Court Declares Invalid Large Issues by Cities and Counties.

GETTHER, Okla., Sept. 11.—The supreme court in a decision today declared that no city or county had the right to make contracts or issue scrip or bonds prior to the making of the regular tax assessment.

This makes all the scrip issued by every city and county in Oklahoma the first five or six months of their existence illegal and will cause banks and speculators who have bought up such scrip to lose \$250,000 or more of dollars.

PETER REFUSES TO SIGN.

Corbett-Jackson Fight Falls Through—The Articles Not Satisfactory.

CHICAGO, Sept. 12.—The efforts of the Sioux City Athletic club to bring off a fight between Corbett and Jackson ended yesterday in complete failure, Jackson absolutely refusing to put his name to the articles of agreement as signed by Corbett.

Nominated for Congress.

SEDAVIA, Mo., Sept. 13.—The Republican nominating convention of the Seventh congressional district met in Sedalia yesterday with a full delegate representation amid much enthusiasm. There were but two candidates in the field, Thomas J. Aikens of Hannibal, and Colonel John P. Tracey of Springfield. Mr. Aikens withdrew and moved that Colonel Tracey be nominated by acclamation, which was done. Hon. John T. Heard is the Democratic opponent and incumbent.

Charged With Violating Postal Laws.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Sept. 13.—Mrs. Susan A. Eddy, living in this city, was arrested last evening on a warrant sworn out by Mrs. Kate Godbey, charging her with intercepting and opening mail. She was arraigned before United States Commissioner Pollock and her hearing set for this evening. Mrs. Eddy has four children ranging from 6 to 21 years. Her husband is at the Soldiers' home at Leavenworth.

A Receiver Appointed